

May 14, 2010

**ASHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A public hearing was held at Crabbe Elementary School, 520 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashland, KY 41101, on May 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Ashland Independent Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14 - 1 in favor of the proposed new plan and the board voted 5 - 0 to approve the new plan.

There were (6) persons at the hearing exclusive of the hearing officer. Mike Oder, Kentucky Schools Boards Association, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Those who were present were: Lisa Henson, Cheryl Salyer, P.J. Stringer, Molly Webb, Kelval Nelson and Bryan Fleming.

**COMMENTS**

Lisa Henson from Ashland Independent Central Office called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also explained that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report.

The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **change long-range plan school organization from PS-6, K-6, 7-8, 9-12 to PS, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12, Hatcher Elementary students will be moved to other elementary schools and the pre-school and central office will be moved to the Hatcher facility. Priority items include: major renovation at Blazer High School including construction of an auditorium, renovation of gym at Verity Middle School to classrooms to accommodate the move of the 6<sup>th</sup> grades from all the elementary schools to Verity, and new construction of a gym. Additional priority 1 items at all the other elementary schools include Oakview Elementary renovation and construction of an administrative area and gym and at Charles Russell Elementary renovation and administrative area addition. Additionally, renovation of the bus garage and renovation of the Central Office are needed.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There was no written testimony or any testimony by those present.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Ashland Independent Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Ashland Independent Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Ashland Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Mike Oder, Hearing Officer  
cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director

Tim Lucas, KDE Facilities Management  
Attachments: Ashland District Facility Plan